ESI Occupational Diseases Centres

703. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the four ESI occupational diseases centres at Delhi, Calcutta, Mumbai and Chennai are running only on paper and budget statistics thereof are created only from routine OPD records;

(b) whether the necessary Bio-Chemical labs required for such centres are conspicuous by their absence and there is no specially trained staff available for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the reasons for such state of affairs?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Accidents in Industrial Establishments

704. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents which have taken place in industrial establishments in the different parts of the country; and

(b) the details of safety measures being adopted by such industrial establishments in the interest of workers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Amendment of Industrial Disputes Act

705. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering amending the Industrial Disputes Act to do away Section 25;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) when does the Second Labour Commission propose to give its report?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) Various amendments to the Industrial Disputes Act are proposed based on the requirements of the Social Partners and in consonance with economic reforms. A cautious policy is adopted to bring about any amendments in the Industrial Disputes Act after taking into consideration all the relevant factors.

(c) While the Government have taken decision to set up the Second National Commission on Labour, no Resolution/ Notification setting up the Commission has so far been issued. The tenure of the Commission will be 24 months from the date of its constitution.

Proposal to Establish ITI's in Himachal Pradesh

706. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to establish a mini Industrial Training Institute (ITI) in each district of Himachal Pradesh under Training for Rural Youth in Self-Employment with financial assistance from the Central Government; and

(b) If so, the details thereof, district-wise and Panchayatwise in Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment under Training for Rural Youth in Self Employment (TRYSEM) has a scheme of setting up of Exclusive Trysem Training Centres (ETTCs) formerly termed as mini-ITIs in blocks which are deficient in training infrastructure. The scheme was started in the year 1995-96 and the Ministry released an amount of Rs. 57.58 lakhs